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For: OPTICAL DISK DEVICE RECORDING
DATA ON A RECORDABLE OR
REWRITABLE OPTICAL DISK BY
SETTING A RECORDING VELOCITY
AND A RECORDING POWER FOR
EACH OF ZONES ON AN OPTICAL
DISK

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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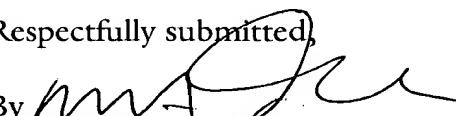
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